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Henry Hastings Hall to W S Hall, 15 May 1860

Perth May 15th 1860

My very dear brother,

I have received your last. We cleared out of Woongong on the 1st Inst. I sold the place for £1050 half cash the rest in Bills at 3 - 6 - 9 and 12 months secured on the property. I am in treaty for 72 head of cattle calves in. I forward to G Bracher £40 for you in a Bill of Exchange for 80£ on the Bank of New South Wales which will enable you to come and see your friends and join me if you please for I consider the half of the remnant of my property *yours*, and shall welcome you to my cot and lot with no small feeling of delight. The £40 will I hope enable you to come up respectably and also to bring two or three things of which I enclose a list. You will be able to ascertain on the Bendigo when the Steamer leaves Melbourne for the *Sound* and come up by her unless a sailing vessel is starting about the same time in which case please your self. The passage per Mail Steamer is £13 second cabin, and they allow a certain amount of luggage I think 2 or 3 cwt and find bedding, the trip from the Sound is £5 and 6d per lb for luggage, if you should run short of cash I will arrange with Toovey or Chipper who both carry from the Sound so that you need be under no anxiety, and on arriving in Perth if none of us are in Town go to Strickland's The Freemason's Hotel and tell him to put it down to me. I am making this precaution as I do not know but what you may have incurred some few debts on the diggings. Be sure to bring the things I send for, they will not cost much and one article I cannot do without, we cannot always procure them here. Look out you do not stow away any tobacco or other dutyable goods amongst your clothes, as they are examined at the Customs here. But the things in my list would not be noticed. If you come by sailing vessel to Fremantle go Lodge's. The foregoing is in case you have no desire to remain where you are for a longer term, but allow me to add that if you see fit to remain longer you are the best judge your interest and mine will be identical whether you are here or there; I can never forget your generous conduct to me, and shall only be too happy if I can eventually be an humble instrument in brightening your prospects. My expenses have been heavy but I believe we can start on a "run" with 100 head of Cattle which in a

few years with moderate luck will be a fortune for each. Remember me to Taylor, poor old fellow I wish I could afford to send for him best love and kind regards to all Friends

Your ever affect. Brother

H H Hall

(In confidence)

I have strong symptoms of rupture and am generally obliged to wear a *truss*, bring 3 or 4 of the common double spring trusses of the best make, *thirty five* (35) inches, and if they can recommend any good improved one of another sort, bring *one* as a sample. A good stock whip 11 or 12 feet and a white lace veil to be worn as a head covering by a bride for Frank The veil about two (2) guineas good! These things you can get in Melbourne The trusses you will get at a Druggist they are 10/- here. But there is one improved one 40/- or 50/- in London